

3. Minutes shall be kept and be made available once approved by the committee.

4. Meeting agendas will be developed by the committee co-chair persons.

5. Both the tribal and federal representatives shall select a co-chair and an alternate and these co-chairs shall have the authority to call the meetings, set agendas and to chair the meetings;

6. A quorum shall consist of 8 members including 7 tribal members and one federal member.

7. The committee will operate by consensus of the federal and tribal members.

8. Smaller work groups may be formed by the committee to address specific issues and to make recommendations to the committee.

9. The intended product of the negotiations is a preliminary report and proposed regulations in the form of a written statement developed by the committee members on behalf of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and tribal representatives. The Secretary agrees to use the committee's preliminary report and proposed regulations as the basis for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). If the Secretary submits an NPRM to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that is different than what the committee initially submitted, then the changes along with an explanation will be provided to the committee, which shall be given an opportunity to comment to the Department.

Comments and Questions

Comments and questions regarding this announcement should be directed to William A. Sinclair, Office of Self-Governance, U.S. Department of the Interior MS 2548-MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington DC 20240.

Dated: July 14, 1995.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Chapter II

Meetings of the Indian Gas Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of revised meeting dates.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Department) has established an Indian Gas Valuation

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to develop specific recommendations with respect to Indian gas valuation under its responsibilities imposed by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* (FOGRMA). The Department has determined that the establishment of this Committee is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties under FOGRMA.

In a notice of meetings published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 1995 (60 FR 33185), Committee meetings were scheduled for August 9-10, 1995. This notice adds a meeting on August 8, 1995, to the schedule.

DATES: The Committee will have meetings on the dates and at the times shown below:

Tuesday, August 8, 1995—9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 1995—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 10, 1995—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held in the 45th floor meeting room at Holme Roberts & Owen LLC, 1700 Lincoln, Suite 4100, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Written statements may be submitted to Mr. Donald T. Sant, Deputy Associate Director for Valuation and Operations, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3100, Denver, CO 80225-0165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald T. Sant, Deputy Associate Director for Valuation and Operations, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3100, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3899, fax number (303) 231-3194. At Holme Roberts & Owen LLC, you may contact Marla Williams at (303) 861-7000 or Lynn Malloy (303) 866-0482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**. The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration.

Written statements should be submitted to the MMS address listed above. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying 10 days following each meeting at the Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 85, Denver, CO 80225. In addition, the materials received to date during the

input sessions are available for inspection and copying at the same address.

Dated: July 14, 1995.

Donald T. Sant,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05-95-29]

RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Elizabeth River, Southern Branch, Chesapeake, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: At the request of the City of Chesapeake, the Coast Guard is proposing to change the regulations that govern the operation of the drawbridge across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 8.8, at Chesapeake, Virginia, by extending the period of restricted bridge openings for recreational vessels during the morning rush hours and eliminating the 5 p.m. opening for waiting recreational boats during the evening rush hour. This proposed rule is intended to provide for regularly scheduled drawbridge openings to help reduce motor vehicle traffic delays and congestion on the roads and highways linked by this drawbridge, while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander (ob), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or may be delivered to Room 109 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (804) 398-6222. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection at Room 109, Fifth Coast Guard District.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann B. Deaton, Bridge Administrator, Fifth Coast Guard District, at (804) 398-6222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD05-95-29) and the specific section of this rule to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgement of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this rule in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Commander (ob) at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Linda L. Gilliam, Project Manager, Bridge Section, and CDR C. A. Abel, Project Counsel, Fifth Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Background and Purpose

The City of Chesapeake has requested that openings of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge, also known as the Steel Bridge, located at mile 8.8 of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, at Chesapeake, Virginia, be further limited by extending the morning rush hour closure period to recreational vessel traffic, and by eliminating the 5 p.m. opening for recreational vessels during the evening rush hour period, while continuing to open on signal at all other times.

Currently, the Dominion Boulevard Bridge is closed to recreational vessel traffic from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a 5 p.m. opening for recreational vessels waiting to pass, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The draw opens on signal at all other times. This proposed rule

would extend the morning rush hour closure period for recreational vessels by requiring the bridge to remain closed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the 5 p.m. opening for waiting recreational vessels would be eliminated. Vessels in distress or in an emergency situation will continue to be allowed passage through the bridge at any time.

This request is based on an analysis the City of Chesapeake conducted on highway traffic data for 1990, 1992, and 1994, and a review of the drawlogs from January 1994 to April 1995 for the Dominion Boulevard Bridge. The drawlogs revealed that bridge openings between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m. caused by recreational vessels were frequent enough to cause highway traffic to back up on each side of the bridge resulting in congestion and delays. The highway traffic data revealed that more vehicles are crossing the bridge between 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. By extending the morning rush hour closure period by one additional hour and eliminating the 5 p.m. opening during the evening rush hours, traffic conditions that currently exist at this bridge will be relieved as well as public safety and welfare concerns associated with frequent bridge openings caused by recreational boats.

The Coast Guard believes these regulations should not unduly restrict recreational vessel passage through the bridge, since they can plan their vessel transits around the hours of restriction. This proposed change to the regulations is intended to establish a schedule that will meet the reasonable needs of waterway users and, at the same time, diminish delays to an improve the flow of motor vehicles crossing the bridge.

Regulatory Evaluation

The proposed action is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposal, if

adopted, will have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632). Because it expects the impact of this proposal to be minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposal will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This proposal contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposal under the principals and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that this proposal will not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environment impact of this proposal and concluded that under section 2.B.2.e.(32)(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B (as amended, 59 FR 38654, 29 July 1994), this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination statement and checklist has been prepared and placed in the rulemaking docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Proposed Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations to read as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. In section 117.997 paragraph (d) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.997 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, South Branch of the Elizabeth River to the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

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(d) The draw of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge, mile 8.8, in

Chesapeake shall open on signal, except:

(1) From 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the drawbridge may not open the passage of recreational vessels.

(2) Vessels in an emergency involving danger to life or property shall be passed at any time.

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Dated: June 14, 1995.

W.J. Ecker,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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46 CFR Parts 25, 26, and 162

[CGD 74-284]

RIN 2115-AA08

Fixed Fire-Extinguishing Systems for Pleasure Craft and Other Uninspected Vessels

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This rulemaking was initiated to establish standards and procedures for approving gaseous-type fixed fire-extinguishing systems for pleasure craft and other uninspected vessels. At the time, most fixed systems for pleasure craft used Halon 1301 and Halon 1211 as the extinguishing agents, and several of the provisions of this rulemaking specifically would have allowed (though not required) the use of halons. Since that time, halons have been identified as an ozone-depleting substance; on January 1, 1995, their production was terminated. The Coast Guard considered redrafting this rulemaking to allow the use of halon replacement gases instead of halons. However, the development and evaluation of these gases is incomplete. The Coast Guard has decided to withdraw this project. It may initiate new rulemaking under a new docket-number when the development and evaluation are complete.

DATES: This withdrawal is effective on July 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Klaus Wahle, Project Manager, Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection (G-MVI-3), (202) 267-1444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 1991, the Coast Guard published a Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM) [56 FR 829] titled "Fixed Fire-Extinguishing

Systems for Pleasure Craft and Other Uninspected Vessels" [CGD 74-284]. The SNPRM contained approval standards for voluntary fixed systems using halon and carbon dioxide, and depended in large part on standards of industry such as ANSI/UL 1058 of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., titled "Halogenated Agent Extinguishing System Units" (Second Edition; October 6, 1989). The termination of halon production due to environmental concerns and the development and evaluation of halon replacement gases will require some changes in the rulemaking to delete references to halons and address the properties of the new gases instead. Since several of these gases are still being developed and evaluated, not enough information is available to redraft the approval standards contained in the SNPRM.

The Coast Guard has therefore determined that the best course of action at this point is to withdraw this rulemaking, and examine the necessity of a distinct rulemaking at some point in the future. The Coast Guard withdraws all rulemaking under docket-number 74-284.

Dated: July 7, 1995.

G.N. Naccara,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AD24

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Rule Exempting Certain Small Landowners and Low-Impact Activities From Endangered Species Act Requirements for Threatened Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to amend the general regulations for threatened species (50 CFR 17.31) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 by establishing a new exemption for certain small landowners and low impact activities that are presumed to individually or cumulatively have little or no lasting effect on the likelihood of survival and recovery of threatened

species of fish and wildlife, and, therefore, have only minor or negligible adverse effects. This exemption would be applied to all threatened species of fish and wildlife listed in the future unless the Service concluded for a given species that the exemption was inappropriate because its individual or cumulative biological effects would not be insignificant for the species as a whole. In such a case, the Fish and Wildlife Service would issue a "special rule" for the species that would contain either no small landowner or low-impact activities exemptions or some reduced variation of those exemptions. This proposed rule also seeks to establish an additional general exemption for activities that are conducted in accordance with a State-authorized or -developed habitat conservation strategy for a threatened species which the Service has found to comprehensively address the threats to the species and promote the species' survival and recovery.

DATES: Comments on this proposal must be received by September 18, 1995, in order to be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours in Room 452, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, at the above address (703/358-2171; facsimile 703/358-1735).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 26, 1975, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) adopted general regulations in 50 CFR Part 17 governing the way endangered and threatened species would be regulated under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Section 9 of the Act prohibits by statute the "take" of federally listed endangered species. However, Congress deferred to Secretarial discretion the issue of how "threatened" species would be treated with respect to the section 9 take prohibition. In the 1975 regulations (50 CFR 17.31), the Service generally adopted for threatened species of fish and wildlife a blanket set of prohibitions identical to the prohibitions the Act itself applied to